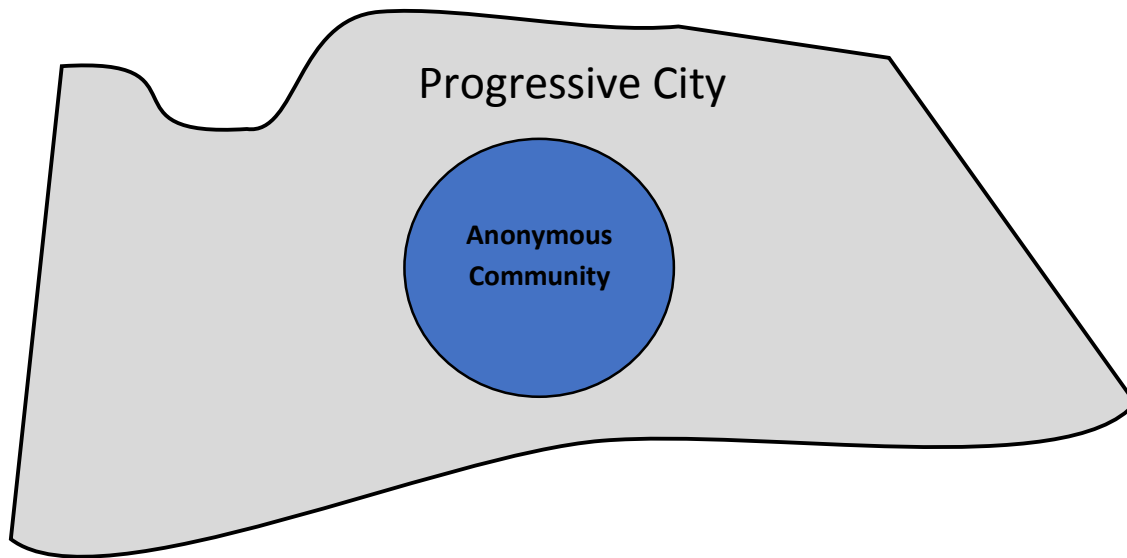


Anonymous Community Scenario

The *Anonymous Community* has been in the global news lately because of its unique location in the center of its city, its cultural diversity, and its gang problem. The *Anonymous Community* is located in a 5 mi.² radius in the heart of *Progressive City*. This community has consistently been criticized by members of *Progressive City* because of the condition of the houses, schools, businesses, and infrastructure of the community. Many of the houses and businesses in the *Anonymous Community* are over one hundred years old and are in need of serious repair. The infrastructure in this community has not been upgraded in over 50 years. Citizens of *Progressive City* have actively pushed the Modern State to condemn the *Anonymous Community* so that *Progressive City* can bulldoze the community and turn it into a city park. The Modern State has refused to condemn the *Anonymous Community* because it is a historic community and is one of the most diverse communities in the world.



There are many members of the *Anonymous Community* who still live their lives in the same manner that members of the community lived their lives when the community was founded over 100 years ago. However, there are some members of the community (middle-aged and youth) who have chosen to fully assimilate into the *Progressive City* culture. Most of the community members who have assimilated are law-abiding citizens. However, there are a few of the assimilated members of the community who have formed a gang and are engaged in criminal activity (primarily related to illicit drugs) in the *Anonymous Community* and in *Progressive City*. The gang activity that has originated in *Anonymous Community* and overflowed into *Progressive City* has added additional tension to the relationship between members of the *Anonymous Community* and the *Progressive City*.

Several news outlets on the local, state, national, and international levels have begun reporting about the happenings in the *Anonymous Community* on an almost daily basis. The *Anonymous Community* has been portrayed as a community plagued by crime and as a community whose members do not seem to care about the condition of their community. Local law enforcement has been portrayed as a containment force that uses militaristic tactics to keep crime from the *Anonymous Community* from spilling over into *Progressive City*. This media coverage has put tremendous pressure on the members of the *Anonymous Community* and local law enforcement to address the “substantive issues” in the *Anonymous Community*.

Several community forums have occurred in which local law enforcement and members of the *Anonymous Community* have come together to discuss establishing a relationship between the community and law enforcement that will result in a collaborative effort to address the gang problem in the community. The initial community forums consisted of heated discussions about: 1) the perceived

militaristic presence of law enforcement in the *Anonymous Community* and the perceived gatekeeping role that law enforcement played for the *Progressive City*; and 2) the perceived unwillingness of members of the *Anonymous Community* to assist law enforcement in investigating crimes that occurred in the *Anonymous Community*.

Communication between law enforcement and community members in the *Anonymous Community* began to improve after one of the most historic buildings in the city was vandalized by the gang that originated in the *Anonymous Community* and one of the eldest members of the community was seriously injured during the vandalism. The building was used as a school for students with disabilities and was considered the best school in the *Anonymous Community*. The school had seen an increase in the number of fights, theft of school equipment, vandalism, and suspensions related to illicit drugs. As a result, overall school attendance had significantly decreased. School administrators were able to connect the increase in violence, crime, vandalism, and suspension related to illicit drugs at the school to the enrollment of several members of the gang that originated in the *Anonymous Community*; however, they had been unable to develop a plan to address the issues.

As a result of the improved communications between law enforcement and members of the *Anonymous Community*, law enforcement and members of the *Anonymous Community* agreed to implement various community policing strategies that would improve the relationship between the community and law enforcement, and reduce crime in the *Anonymous Community*. The implemented community policing strategies included increased foot patrols, community sponsored youth activities, gang awareness programming, and restorative justice community service programs for the *Anonymous Community* members convicted of non-violent and violent crimes. Members of the *Anonymous Community*, law enforcement, and members of *Progressive City* also formed a coalition for addressing criminal activity in both communities. This coalition also requested federal funding to assist with the restoration of the buildings, houses, schools, and infrastructure in the *Anonymous Community* as a way to demonstrate that there is a sense of care and concern for the community.